

REMARKS / DISCUSSION OF ISSUES

Claims 1-5 and 7-21 are now pending in the application. Claims 10-21 are newly added; no new matter is added.

In the original filing of this application, claim 6 was inadvertently amended. The applicants had added a new claim 6 in the applicants' response of 29 September 2006, but such an addition was deemed to be non-compliant.

This submission notes that claim 6 was omitted in the original, and the claim that had been submitted as claim 6 is now submitted as claim 21.

In view of the foregoing, the applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the rejections of record, allow all the pending claims, and find the application to be in condition for allowance. If any points remain in issue that may best be resolved through a personal or telephonic interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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